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Mr. William Caton  
Acting Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: EX PARTE -- CC Docket No. 01-324: Application by Verizon for  
Authorization to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services in Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Caton:

I spoke by telephone with Tamara Preiss and Deena Shetler of the Common Carrier Bureau on February 5 to discuss Verizon's Rhode Island 271 application, specifically focusing on why UNE rates there are not TELRIC and why Verizon cannot rely on old New York UNE rates as a benchmark, especially since the New York Commission just recently reduced those rates significantly.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, I am filing an electronic copy of this letter and request that it be placed in the record of this proceeding.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Lopardo  
Director  
Federal Advocacy

cc: Tamara Preiss, Deena Shetler, Steve Frias (RIPUC), Kelly Trainor (DOJ),  
Qualex, Ann Berkowitz (By Fax)